

REMARKS

Claims 7 and 9-17 are currently pending in this application with claims 1-6 and 8 being cancelled and claims 7 and 9 being amended by this response. Claim 7 was amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 8 and thus it is respectfully submitted that claim 7 is now likewise allowable. Claim 9 was amended to be dependent on now allowable claim 7. All remaining claims are dependent on now allowable claim 7 and thus it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also now allowable.

Attached hereto is a declaration from the applicant indicating the original patent certificate was lost and thus cannot be surrendered is attached hereto as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.178. In view of the attached declaration it is respectfully submitted that the requirement to surrender the Original Patent is met.

Attached hereto is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form-1449 listing all references cited in the original patent as required by the Examiner.

Also attached hereto is a Supplemental declaration signed by the inventor as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.175(b)(1). This supplemental Declaration identifies how each newly added claim differs from the original patent claim to which it corresponds. In view of the submission of this Supplemental Declaration it is respectfully submitted that the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.175(b)(1) are met.

Rejection of claims 1-3, 5-7, 10, 11, 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 10, 11, 16 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Boles. Claims 1-6 have been cancelled by this response. Claim 7 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 8 and thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 7 is now allowable. Claims 10, 11, 16 and 17 are dependent on claim 7 and thus, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also allowable. In view of the cancellation of claims 1-6 and the amendment of claim 7 to include the limitations of allowable claim 8 it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of claims 12-15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 12-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boles. Claim 7 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 8 and thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 7 is now allowable. Claims 12-15 are dependent on claim 7 and thus, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also allowable. In view of the amendment of claim 7 to include the limitations of allowable claim 8 and the dependence of claims 12-15 on claim 7 it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully requests prompt and favorable examination on the merits of this application. Based upon the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully

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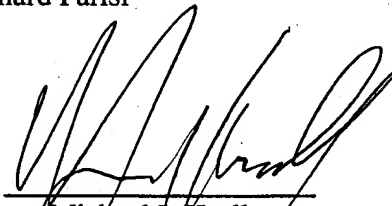
submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawings, then it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by Examiner's amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance.

Alternatively, should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance and issuance, he is cordially invited to contact Mr. Michael Kroll, Esq. at 171 Stillwell Lane, Syosset, New York 11791, telephone number (516) 367-7777, so that the present application can receive an early notice of allowance. The address and telephone number for Michael I. Kroll stated above is as listed on the original Power of Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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Encl:

- (a) substituted oath
- (b) rule 1.131 Declaration
- (c) petition for extension of time
- (d) check for 55 # 21625 for extension of time MK 11/17/03